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### (54) Multifunction apparatus

(57) Print data for a mailbox print instruction given by a client PC is stored in a hard disk. At the same time, when a user enters a detection area, an electromagnetic wave signal is transmitted to a memory card carried by the user in order to retrieve the user's identification information. Based on the retrieved identification information, the user is authenticated. Then, it is determined whether a mailbox print operation is requested in the personal information table. When requested, it is determined whether the print data of the user is stored in the hard disk. When stored, the print data is printed out through the printer.

Fig.3

<Personal information table in server>

A	Personal identification info
B	Personal info (name, department, ID code, etc.)
C	Need for mailbox print operation
D	Security rank (Erasing remaining data)
E	Priority order

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